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PROTECTION OF A SURFACE BY PARTIALLY SUBJECTING IT TO AN

ELECTROCHEMICAL TREATMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

10 Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

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Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.